Online Library Resource Guide

Universal Class



INTRODUCTION

Your library has access to a wealth of information in the form of online library resources. Each month, the State Library develops a booklet with information about a unique resource that is available through your library. This month's featured online library resource is Universal Class, which is only available for patrons of public libraries and the State Library. If you are a school or academic library, your patrons will need a library card from their local public library or the State Library.

If you have any questions, please contact the State Library at statelib@nd.gov or 701-328-4622.

DESCRIPTION

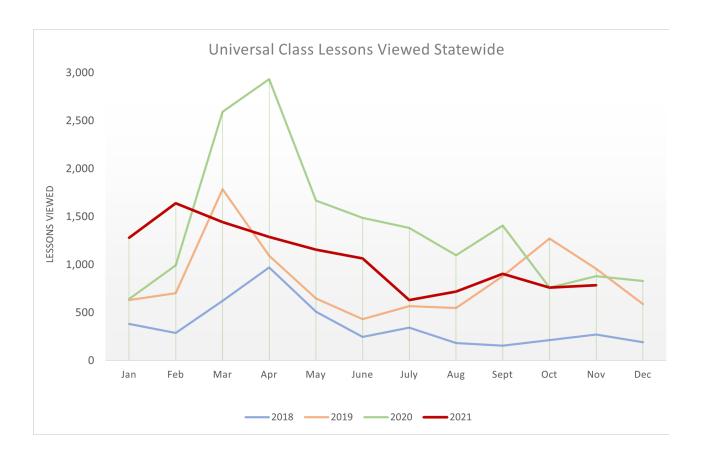
Universal Class provides your patrons an opportunity to learn skills and hobbies through free online continuing education courses. With over 500 courses in 30 areas of study available, there is something for everyone. The areas of study include career training, crafts and hobbies, homeschooling, do-it-yourself, personal development, office skills, special education, teacher resources, test preparation, and web development.

These online courses can be completed at your own pace, and many of them have an audit option, which allows you to attend the class without having to take the tests or complete the assignments. If you choose the audit option, you will not get the continuing education credit(s) or the certificate at the end.

If your library's website doesn't already include a link to Universal Class, we recommend that you add it. Please contact BreAnne at nds.qov or 701-328-4656 if you need any assistance with your WordPress website.



USAGE STATISTICS



For more information about the statistics or to see how much your patrons use Universal Class, go to www.library.nd.gov/databaseusage.html or contact Kristen at knorthrup@nd.gov.

TUTORIALS AND WEBINARS AVAILABLE

Video tutorials for many of the online library resources are available on the State Library's YouTube channel - www.youtube.com/NDStateLibrary. There is a tutorial on the basics of Universal Class available. More tutorials will be added as needed.

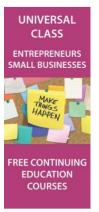
Other tutorials for many of the online library resources can be found in Niche Academy at http://bit.ly/NicheOLR.



PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE

The State Library is happy to provide your library with promotional materials for the online library resources. There are bookmarks and flyers available for the Universal Class resource.

If you would like bookmarks or brochures, please fill out the form found at https://bit.ly/ndslpaform. Materials will be sent out as soon as possible.











There are more promotional materials found on the State Library's website at http://library.nd.gov/PromoUniversalClass.html.

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- Deliver access to and assistance with credible information sources
- Enrich the lives of the people we serve
- Foster a welcoming and inclusive environment for all

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